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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA OPPOSES G-4 FRAMEWORK

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[1](#)1. (SBU) PolOff discussed Costa Rica's views of the proposed G-4 resolution for expanding the UN Security Council with MFA Acting Director for Foreign Policy Edwin Arias on July 12, [1](#)2005. At that time, Arias said Costa Rica opposed permanent membership but had not yet finalized its position. Arias quizzed PolOff at length on our public support for Japan's permanent membership. In a follow-up conversation on July 15, Arias confirmed that Costa Rica has decided to oppose the G-4 framework and any other expansion plans involving new permanent members. Arias said Costa Rica wants to see the Security Council's membership significantly broadened but with new members serving six-year terms, eligible for re-election twice. Arias added that his government had already communicated this position to the government of Japan.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Foreign Minister Tovar had told Charge on May 16 that Costa Rica preferred that new UN Security Council members not be made permanent, but rather serve renewable terms (ref C).

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